



STETSON UNIVERSITY

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND SPRING COMMENCEMENT

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2005
SEVEN O'CLOCK
ELIZABETH HALL CHAPEL
DELAND, FLORIDA

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Stetson University
Graduate
Commencement

President H. Douglas Lee, Presiding
Senior Lecturer Gary Maris, University Mace Bearer
Assistant Professor Robert W. Weickel, Associate Dean Judson P. Stryker,
and Vice President James R. Beasley, University Marshals

PROCESSIONAL *Rigaudon* André Campra
Boyd Jones
Price Professor of Organ

WELCOME

H. Douglas Lee
President

LITANY FOR COMMUNITY

Leonard L. Nance
Dean of First Year Studies

We come together to celebrate and reaffirm our commitment to each other and to Stetson University, and to proclaim ourselves as active members of a loving and inclusive community.

Together: We strive to transform life for the welfare of all.

Leader: We celebrate and reaffirm our commitment to excellence in education as learners and teachers, and to our religious heritage, which inspires us to center our lives on the quest for meaning and truth.

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Leader: We celebrate and reaffirm our commitment to integrate education and action, scholarship and social responsibility, for the purpose of promoting justice on our campus, in our nation, and throughout the world.

Together: We affirm our quest for knowledge and our commitment to transform life for the welfare of all.

FACULTY SPEAKERS

Brigid Noonan-Klima
Assistant Professor of Counselor Education

Bill Jens
Professor of Accounting

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES H. Douglas Lee

INSTALLATION OF NEW ALUMNI

Susan P. Anderson
Executive Director of Development and Alumni Relations

STETSON
UNIVERSITY



ALMA MATER

Gary A. Meadows '59, '65

Dear Alma Mater, smile upon thy children,
Gladly we greet thee, altogether lovely!
Peace be within thy classic halls and temples.
Hail, Alma Mater dear!

Dear Alma Mater, tenderly thy children
Gather and bring to thee gracious salutations.
Comrades, your voices lift once again in chorus;
Hail, Alma Mater dear!

BENEDICTION

Michael R. Fronk

RECESSIONAL

Improvisation, Op. 150, No. 7

Camille Saint-Saëns

*The audience is asked to stand during the Processional and the Recessional
During the Recessional, please remain at your seat until all graduates have reached the exit.*

Please turn off the sound for pagers and cell phones and refrain from using them during the ceremony.



EDUCATIONAL MISSION

Our mission at Stetson University is to provide an excellent education in a creative community where learning and values meet, and to foster in students the qualities of mind and heart that will prepare them to reach their full potential as informed citizens of local communities and the world.

At Stetson, the art of teaching is practiced through programs solidly grounded in a tradition of liberal learning that stimulates critical thinking, imaginative inquiry, creative expression, and lively intellectual debate. The art of learning is enhanced through small interactive classes, close student-faculty alliances, and collaborative approaches that provide the foundation for rewarding careers and advanced study in selective graduate and professional programs. We embrace diverse methodologies to foster effective communication, information and technological literacy, and aesthetic appreciation. We encourage the development of informed convictions, independent judgment, and lifelong commitments to learning that are characteristic features of the enlightened citizen. In bringing together learning and values, the University encourages all of its members to demonstrate personal integrity; to develop an appreciation for the spiritual dimension of life; to embrace leadership in an increasingly complex, interdependent, and technological world; and to commit to active forms of social responsibility.

HERITAGE

Stetson University, Florida's first private university, was founded in 1883 by Henry A. DeLand, a New York philanthropist, as DeLand Academy. In 1887, the Legislature of the State of Florida enacted the Charter of DeLand University as an independent and autonomous institution of higher learning. The university name was changed in 1889 to honor John B. Stetson, the nationally known hat manufacturer who gave generously of his time and means to advance the quality and reputation of the institution, and who served, with Mr. DeLand and others, as a founding trustee of the university.

The first charter stated the object of the university should be "to promote the general interests of education, and to qualify its students to engage in the learned professions or other employments of society, and to discharge honorably and usefully the various duties of life."

Stetson's first president, Dr. John F. Forbes, clearly described the commitment to teaching which has been a hallmark of the university throughout its history:

"Buildings, libraries and apparatus are good and give added power, but the vital contact of students with a vigorous and stimulating mind and heart – this is the *sine qua non* of a successful education... The most important thing is to find men and women of large heart and mind, apt to teach and full of enthusiasm and stimulating power... to develop in the student the habit of independent judgment – of investigating statements and principles for oneself, and thus for oneself discover their truth or falsity."

MACE

Maces were originally war instruments used for organizing mayhem, but from the 13th century have been carried by the sergeant-at-arms of the organization. In the European and in the older American universities it symbolizes the dignity and authority of the president and the corporation or the board of trustees.

Stetson's mace, designed by Episcopalian Canon Edward Nason West of New York, was presented to former president J. Ollie Edmunds in 1956 at the May Commencement ceremony. Canon West, of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, is a leading authority on heraldry and the ancient symbolism on which much academic protocol is based.

The mace is described here by the artist:

"Stetson's mace is designed so that anyone could easily place the university's geographic location and chartering power. The palm buds from Florida's state seal form a base for the head of the mace. The legend around the bowl makes the particular institution's motive clear. The crenulations constitute what is known as a "canting device" since they are a play on the Latin word "stet" – of Stetson – meaning "may it stand." The anchor, heart and cross—repeated twice in ornamenting them—are taken from the seal of the City of DeLand. From the top of the mace, rises the shield of the university. The mace takes its basic shape from the mace of the Baptist Long Parliament, thus signifying the Baptist roots of the university."

The mace was made by Daniel Spencer, master gold and silversmith, of William Comyns & Sons, Ltd., London. The firm was established in 1645 and examples of their craft work can be found in St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey.

MEDALLION

The President's Medallion, worn at all official academic occasions, was cast for the inauguration of former Stetson president John E. Johns in 1969. The medallion, cast in silver, is the university seal embraced by a wreath of laurel.

THE STETSON COLORS

The Stetson colors, Green and White, were adopted about the time as the Seal. At the first commencement the stage was decorated in Green and White. It is believed that the colors were chosen from the rich green of the orange trees and the pure white of the orange blossoms, a magnificent sight in the spring throughout Florida's great citrus belt. The color white represents purity and green signifies growth.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The traditional pageantry of an academic procession, such as the one which opens today's Commencement exercises, is one of the most impressive spectacles of our time. Its significance is attested by the array of handsome gowns and vividly colored hoods worn by members of the Board of Trustees, the Faculty, and other officers of the University. These display the symbols of scholarly attainment.

The earliest illustrations of gowns worn at Oxford University in England somewhat resemble cassocks worn by English teachers who found good use for the hood, or cowl, as protection against weather. The American system of academic heraldry indicates the level of a degree, the field of study in which it was earned, and the institution by which it was granted.

The American mortarboard, derived from the soft Oxford cap, is black. Its tassel, for holders of the bachelor's and master's degrees, is usually black, although gold tassels may be worn by holders of doctoral degrees and heads of institutions. The tassel is worn on the right side of the cap by undergraduates, on the left by holders of bachelor's and higher degrees.

It is the hood which provides academic regalia its color and offers the most information about its wearer. The silk lining of the hood bears the color, or colors, of the degree-granting college or university; its velvet facing reveals the color assigned to each area of study. The doctor's gown may bear velvet trimming on the front and sleeves—such as dark blue for Doctors of Philosophy (Ph.D.). A few institutions, mostly overseas but some in this country, authorize the wearing of colored robes, departing from the traditional black and brightly displaying the official colors of the university.

Candidates for Degrees

MAY 6, 2005

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

EDUCATION SPECIALIST

Agathe Alvarez
Winter Garden, Florida

Elizabeth Frawley McClure
Oviedo, Florida

Brian Lee Urichko
Winter Springs, Florida

MASTER OF EDUCATION

LuAnn Boyett
Seville, Florida

Desiree Lynn Rybinski
DeLand, Florida

Laura Marie Kruppa
Orlando, Florida

Simone Schoeni
Kissimmee, Florida

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Giovanna Castiglia
Stamford, Connecticut

Lori Lynn Gregson
Ormond Beach, Florida

Rachael Lynn McQueen-Jacob
New Smyrna Beach, Florida

Marcy Renee Cohen
Port Richey, Florida

Russell Lee Hand
New Port Richey, Florida

Cynthia Streifer
Port Orange, Florida

Nedeam Diaz
Altamonte Springs, Florida

Julie Victoria Loschiavo
Orlando, Florida

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Andrea Christine Avello
Orlando, Florida

Marsha Samantha Forbes
London, England

Jerad Wiley Risley
Cape Canaveral, Florida

Erin Camille Bagley
Orlando, Florida

Deborah Jean Furniss
Orlando, Florida

Scarlett Nicole Ruth
Crescent City, Florida

Brian Scott Barbour
Largo, Florida

Steven Edward Hamilton
Astoria, Florida

Amanda Joy Segur
Rotonda, Florida

Jeremy James Callaway
Thomson, Georgia

Sidney Percell Jackson, Jr.
Orange Park, Florida

Martin Phillip Shenk
Celebration, Florida

Carlota Joven Caracut
Celebration, Florida

Erin Elizabeth Link
Orlando, Florida

Mariana Denise Vega
DeLand, Florida

Guadalupe Cuevas
Arcadia, Florida

Christa Jean Lonergan
Celebration, Florida

Marcy Leigh Warner
Celebration, Florida

ToniAnn Di Re
E. Yaphank, New York

Mark Anthony Mattern
Orlando, Florida

Paul Waring Whitney
Orlando, Florida

Danay Diaz
West Palm Beach, Florida

Kristen Laura Mory
St. Petersburg, Florida

Robert James Wright
Celebration, Florida

Mikkel Drolsum Finstad
Oslo, Norway

Stefanie Lynn Olson
Cape Canaveral, Florida

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Robert Scott Chambers
Oakmont, Pennsylvania

Jonathan Richard Fox
Oswego, New York

Robert Sebor
Heathrow, Florida

Leah Jayne Drannen-Klair
Deltona, Florida

Lea Marie Procaccianti
Cranston, Rhode Island

Joy Ann Steel
Naples, Florida

Melissa Feasel Duncan
DeLand, Florida

Penny Dixon Sanders
DeLand, Florida

Audrey Beth Walsh
Jacksonville, Florida

MASTERS
OF
ACCOUNTANCY
&
BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION-
JURIS DOCTORATE
(IN ABSENTIA)

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - JURIS DOCTORATE (IN ABSENTIA)

Stephen Lee Boruta
Palm Harbor, Florida

Denise Elizabeth Elder
St. Petersburg, Florida

Burks Alden Smith III
Gulfport, Florida

Andrew Chiang
Jacksonville Beach, Florida

Angela Joyce Lack
Danielsville, Pennsylvania

Eric Christopher Thiel
Tampa, Florida

Angela Lee Dazzio
Gulfport, Florida

Robert Joe Metz
Clearwater, Florida

Jennifer Lynn Vogias
St. Petersburg, Florida

Erik Daniel Diener
St. Petersburg, Florida

Neil Patrick O'Brien
Safety Harbor, Florida

Eric Justin Weber
St. Petersburg, Florida

Mary Louise Drummond
St. Petersburg, Florida

Adam Ross Seligman
Davie, Florida

HONORS RECOGNITIONS

Stetson University applauds its May 2005 graduates
who have achieved high honors in completing their degrees.

BETA GAMMA SIGMA

Beta Gamma Sigma is the international honor society providing the highest academic recognition available for an undergraduate or graduate business student. Beta Gamma Sigma recognizes outstanding academic achievements of students enrolled in collegiate business and management programs accredited by AACSB International. To be eligible for membership, a student must rank in the upper 20 percent of the graduating master's class.

Master of Business Administration

ToniAnn Di Re	Marsha Forbes
Mikkel Finstad	Marcy Warner

Master of Accountancy

Leah Drannen-Klair	Audrey Walsh
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CHI SIGMA IOTA

Chi Sigma Iota is the international honor society for students, professional counselors and counselor educators whose mission is to promote scholarship, research, professionalism, leadership and excellence in counseling, and to recognize high attainment in the pursuit of academic and clinical excellence in the profession of counseling.

Giovanna Castiglia	Russell Hand
Marcy Cohen	Julie Victoria Loschiavo
Nedeam Díaz	Rachael McQueen-Jacob
Lori Gregson	Cynthia Streifer

KAPPA DELTA PI

Kappa Delta Pi is an International Honor Society in Education. Organized to recognize excellence in education, Kappa Delta Pi elects those to membership who exhibit the ideals of scholarship, high personal standards, and promise in teaching and allied professions. It encourages improvement, distinction in achievement, and contributions to education. Selection as a member of Kappa Delta Pi is based on high academic achievement, a commitment to education as a career, and a professional attitude that assures steady growth in the profession.

LuAnn Boyett	Laura Krupp	Desireé Rybinski
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